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## ACADEMY SQUARES ACCOUNT BY DEFEATING MAURY HIGH FRIDAY

Weather and Condition of Cary Field Prevent Use  
of Open Play—Line Bucking a Feature

Maury High came to Williamsburg Friday confident of repeating their victory over the Academy, but left with the short end of the stick. The Williamsburg boys scored two touchdowns, thus evening up the score which Maury made against them in Norfolk some two weeks ago. Heavy rains all day long and during the game made the field so muddy that it soon became apparent that open play was impossible and straight football was the order of the day. Few forward passes were attempted, one successful attempt being credited to each team. In the second quarter Macon, captain of the Norfolk team, broke loose from the field and was off for what looked like a certain touchdown. But the fates intervened and Macon slipped and fell. The first half ended with the score 0-0.

In the third quarter the Academy got possession of the ball and by hard consistent line-bucking carried the ball to the five-yard line, first down with goal line to make. Three mighty plunges took the ball to within a foot of the line when Carr, the plucky little quarter, squeezed it over by sliding over the center's back. Capt. Corbell failed to kick goal, due to the wet and muddy ball.

In the fourth quarter the Academy commenced another triumphal march up the field and West carried the ball over after some terrific line play in which Corbell, Jones, West and Stryker figured conspicuously.

The game was hard-fought but cleanly played, there being but two penalties inflicted, both for off-side play. Dr. Draper refereed and performed so well that not a single kick was registered by either team.

A member of The Flat Hat Staff received a letter from Oscar Deel, last year's varsity team. He asked to be remembered to all his friends, and sends best wishes to the Phoenix Society and The Flat Hat.

Mr. Hubert Lloyd, '06, visited the College after a long stay in China where he was a missionary. Alumni will remember him as "Hubby" Lloyd, who as a member of William and Mary's team won great distinction as a quarterback.

## AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION VOTED ON BY THE LITERARY SOCIETIES

Changes in Constitution Designed To Make  
More attractive Meetings at Finals

The two literary societies of the College, the Phoenix and the Philomathean, met in the hall of the latter on Saturday night, Oct. 18 for the purpose of accepting or rejecting amendments made to the old Constitution and By-laws governing both the separate and the joint meetings of the two societies.

Among other important changes made were those which have to do with the inter-society contests, and the method by which representatives from the societies are chosen. The first amendment voted on and passed provides for a kind of preliminary contest to be held early in the spring, in which contest excellency medals are offered in declamation, oratory and debate. The winners of these medals in the one society must face the corresponding winners in the other society in open contest at Finals for the Inter-society Championship Cup.

There are to be two nights of the contest during commencement week. The first will be given up wholly for the debate, in which two of the best debaters from each society will compete in argumentation for two points toward winning the cup. On the following evening two declaimers and two orators will duel for the remaining three points. The society whose representatives shall have won at least three of the five points will be declared winner of the championship cup by a board of judges—three in number—to be chosen by the contestants.

These changes in the constitution are extremely important in that the preliminary contest will allow only the meritorious to represent his society at Finals. "Ring" politics thus being eliminated, a greater amount of interest is assured.

Edward Bane who is spending the winter in Panama, writes that he is delighted with the country. He says that he has met a number of college men down there and that he finds the life in Panama much better than it is usually represented. Edward will return to College next year, but in the meantime he expects to keep in touch with things by subscribing to The Flat Hat.

## PHOENIX & PHILOMATHEAN LITERARY SOCIETIES HAVE OPEN MEETINGS

Attractive Programs Rendered Before Large  
And Enthusiastic Audiences

The annual open meetings of the Philomathean and Phoenix Literary Societies were held in the College Chapel on the nights of October 21 and 24 respectively. Upon both occasions the auditorium was well filled with a large and enthusiastic audience. The young ladies of the Institute, a number of townspeople, and a majority of the student-body were present. The excellent rendition of the programs was highly appreciated by all, as was shown by the repeated storms of applause.

### THE PHILOMATHEAN

Mr. J. L. Tucker, president, made a short address along the line of literary society work, emphasizing more especially the fact of its significance; and extended a cordial welcome to all.

The orator of the evening was Mr. G. M. Rumble who, although a new member of the society, delivered a very charming and effective oration. "Patriotism" was his subject. The next on program was a declamation by Mr. R. L. Rosenbalm, "Henry W. Grady," which he declaimed in fine style. The title of Mr. J. W. Hedrick's selection was "My Country, My Mother, My God," a pathetic story of the civil war. Feeling the spirit of his piece, Mr. Hedrick was able to convey its real sentiment to his hearers.

Resolved, That the Standing Army of the United States should be increased, was the subject for debate. With Mr. W. S. Shackleford upholding the affirmative and Mr. W. D. Harris the negative. It proved unusually interesting and instructive. Strong arguments were put forth by each side, while flashes of spirited rebuttal animated the whole debate. The last but by no means the least feature of the program was the reading of "The Philomathean Star" by Mr. P. Lewis Witchley, its compiler. The "Star" was really stellar, it shone with an unusual brilliancy. Jokes, grinds, and anecdotes galore kept the audience in a continuous uproar for fully ten minutes.

### THE PHOENIX

The president of the Phoenix Society, Mr. J. F. Barnes, after cor-

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## COACH DRAPER OPTIMISTIC ON EVE OF FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP BATTLE

"Team In Shape" He Says, "And Should Bring  
The Bacon Back From Ashland"

Coach Draper, when interviewed by a Flat Hat representative, spoke very optimistically about the coming championship struggle with Randolph-Macon. He said in part: "The boys have taken well to the new style of play and are prepared to make things hot for any team of their weight. Every man is in fine trim and, barring accidents, the team which faces the Ashlanders will be the strongest and fastest aggregation that the Orange and Black has put on the gridiron in recent years. Several shifts have been made and the new men are showing up well. The team shows one hundred per cent. improvement over their form in the last game. The line-up cannot be announced, as there are still several positions not yet definitely filled."

There will be a short rally at the depot at 10:32 Saturday when the team leaves for Ashland. It is expected that the entire student-body will be there to give the team a rousing send-off.

### SPOTSWOOD CLUB MEETS

The Theta Delta Chi fraternity tendered a reception to the members of the Spotswood Club Thursday night. A short time was given over to the transaction of the club's business, during which Mr. B. D. Peachy '13, was chosen secretary and an executive committee composed of Dr. James Southall Wilson, Prof. John Tyler and P. L. Witchley, A. B., were elected. The new members voted in were: Victor E. G. Emery '15, H. Page Williams '15, Henry A. Turner '14, W. C. Ferguson '15, W. S. Shackleford '15, H. G. Parker '13, and James W. Stephens '14.

Those enjoying the hospitality of the Theta Delta were, Dr. Wilson, Profs. Ritchie, Ferguson, Koontz, Tyler and Snow, J. H. Wright, B. D. Peachy, Jr., and P. L. Witchley.

### NOTICE

A meeting of the Northern Lights will be held Thursday night at the Sigma Phi Epsilon House for the purpose of electing the officers for the ensuing year.



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### OUR NAME

We have received numerous inquiries from time to time concerning the origin and significance of our name. The following, quoted from the initial number of The Flat Hat in 1911, will perhaps dispel whatever mystery exists regarding our title:

"Some may wonder why we are The Flat Hat any more than the Cocked Hat, the Mashed Darby, or the Quashed Cap. This we are glad to explain, for it is an interesting story. Away back beyond the times memorial, before the United States was born, while William and Mary was figuratively in her teens, and before the honorable society of Phi Beta Kappa was even dreamed of, in the year Seventeen Hundred and Fifty to be exact, there was founded at the College the Flat Hat Club, spoken of in every-day language as F. H. C. Very little is known of its career, and that little has only been discovered within the last year, but it is thought by some (and reasonably so) that this Club was the precursor and prototype of the Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity which was established here in Seventeen Hundred and Seventy-five; but no connecting link between the two has been discovered. Considerable is known nevertheless of this ancient order. There is extant a partial list of the members of the Flat Hat Club, together with its constitution in cipher and Latin; a list of a hundred or so books for present and future acquisition prepared by one of the members, a Mr. Gevatkin; some contemporary

correspondence relative to the nature and aim of the society; and a photograph of the medal, obverse and reverse.

"The badge of the Club was circular in form with a projection for the ring, to be used doubtless on a watch fob or chain. Engraved on one side was an elaborate coat-of-arms; on the other were the letters F. H. C. in a large monogram, and beneath was the date and motto near the exergue—

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### WHY NOT?

Why not a laboratory course in English?

The object of laboratory courses in general is to experiment with the subject under study—to learn its behavior in practise. The experimenter seeks knowledge of its characteristics, to what purpose it is adapted, and how he himself can make use of it.

Such a course might well be established in the English department, in which the student could gain a working knowledge of the various forms of literature—the essay, sketch, story, allegory, parable, for instance. The extensive writing of dialogues, description, narrations, etc., should be a feature; and forms of poetry might be attempted. It might, perhaps, be called a course in journalism, and would be valuable to the student who desired to later write for publication. That the student would find his element—discover what forms were most suited to his needs and abilities—would be an invaluable characteristic of such a course. "Eng. XV.—a laboratory course" would undoubtedly attract the potential literati of William and Mary.

V. E. G. E.

### A LETTER

Editor The Flat Hat:

Williamsburg, Va.

Anyone who reads the sporting pages of the newspapers is no doubt impressed with the lack of news from William and Mary. Randolph-Macon and other colleges have plenty of publicity in these pages and there is no reason why William and Mary should not. Many are disposed to blame the newspapers (especially the Times-Dispatch) for this state of affairs. But the Times-Dispatch has written here asking for accounts of athletic contests and other athletic news. So it is not altogether the fault of the newspapers.

No doubt there are many men here who are willing and who have the ability to furnish this news. But they hesitate for lack of authority. The following plan is suggested as something from which to work:

Let the Athletic Association elect a press agent (or whatever you choose to call him) whose duty it shall be to furnish athletic news to the Times-Dispatch, and other newspapers. Let this press agent be a member of the Athletic Council, an officer of the Association. It is high time that something be done, so let's get busy.

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### MR. RUMBLE SPEAKS

The Hon. A. J. Rumble, prominent lawyer and man of public affairs, of Norfolk, delivered a short address before the Philomathean Society. His theme was along the general line of the opportunities offered the young college man nowadays, especially in the literary society halls. He emphasized the importance of one's being able to express himself on his feet. And among other pointed statements he said: "There is a difference between scholasticism and education. If a young man goes through college and comes out a fool, he is scholastic; but if, on the other hand, he makes a man of himself, he is educated."

Mr. Rumble has a son in College here.

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## COLLEGE JOINS PROHIBITION MOVEMENT

A chapter of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association was organized here last week with Mr. Noan Shockley as president. Mr. W. M. Bunts, a delegate of the association spent three days here and aided in organizing the movement at the College.

The association has enlisted over 200 colleges in the prohibition movement, 24 states being represented. The object of the movement is simply an unbiased study of the liquor problem in its relation to the individual, the community and the race. An oratorical contest is held every year in the different divisions and an aggregate of \$5000. in gold distributed annually to the winners. The William and Mary chapter consists as follows:

N. Shockley, president; C. C. Outland, secretary; E. E. Givens, treasurer; W. M. Grimsley, reporter; Messrs. Hamlin, J. F. Barnes, Robinette, Womack, McAllister, S. T. Davis, Rosenbalm.

Membership fee is 25 cents per annum, which includes a subscription to the "Intercollegiate Statesman," the official organ of the association. Meetings will be held every Monday at 7 p. m.

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dially welcoming all introduced as the first reader Mr. C. H. Schepmoes, B. S.-'13 and winner of the Phoenix excellency medal in debate. His selection was "A Parody on Washington's Hatchet," which was read well and with effect, humor continually bubbling to the surface. Mr. J. A. Flick read Goldsmith's "Deserted Village" in fine style.

The declaimers were Messrs. L. C. Green and H. R. Van Horne, the former declaiming "Excelsior," the latter a monologue entitled "Confession." Both were well rendered. The first impressed upon the audience the old time admonition of always living for a high ideal. Mr. Van Horne's monologue, giving the confessions of a newly married couple as they played a game of chess, was exceedingly humorous.

"Progress the Result of Discontent" was the title of an attractive oration delivered by Mr. W. M. Grimsley. For fifteen minutes he held the closest attention of the audience, impressing upon them the results of his profound thinking. The continuity of thought was excellent, and his style of delivery of a high grade.

The concluding feature of the program was the debate. The question, Resolved, That there should be a Minimum Wage Law for Women, was affirmatively upheld by Messrs. F. W. Cook and G. B. Zehmer, Mr. C. A. Scott and Mr. J. W. Smith debating the negative side. Every debater had his points well arranged and brought them out effectively,

the debate as a whole proving of unusual interest.

Both the Philomathean and the Phoenix Societies are to be complimented for the superlative grade of program rendered by each; and the new men especially who participated in their rendition are to be congratulated very highly for their creditable showing.

## PRIZE ESSAY

A prize of one hundred dollars will be given by the National Municipal League to the author of the best essay on a subject connected with municipal government. The subject chosen for the year 1913-1914 is "Is the Commission Form of Government a Permanent One?" The writer must be an undergraduate student taking a regular course in a university or college.

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## COLLEGE GOSSIP

Dr. Draper is planning further improvements in the gymnasium. His plan calls for new showers and larger floor space by ripping down some of the walls which seem to be of no use.

Earl B. Thomas, B. A. 1913 and editor of the Lit in 1911-12 is now engaged in newspaper work in New York.

The manager of the College Quartet is making arrangements for a trip up Eastern Shore during Thanksgiving week.

O'Neal assisted Prof. Koontz in an operation on a rattlesnake last week. The rattler's fangs were removed.

Several freaks of nature are on exhibition in the Science Hall; a four-legged chicken, an eight-legged pig and a kitten with eight legs—all preserved in alcohol, of course.

North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College appropriates \$1000. annually for the Y. M. C. A.

The executive committee of the Board of Visitors met Wednesday and transacted business of considerable importance.

The College Quartet is perfecting its program and will probably perform in Chapel some time this fall. Definite arrangements have not yet been completed.

Mr. A. D. Wright visited the Theta Delta Chi house Sunday.

Prof. John Tyler is the first member of the faculty to purchase an automobile, honk, konk!

Mr. Spindle spent last week here, having stopped over on a business trip to Richmond.

If you have ever felt the need of any book not now in the library fill out a card to that effect and help the Faculty to learn the needs of the Student.

Mr. and Mrs. Bloxton spent the week-end at Mrs. Bloxton's home in Drivers.

## Y. M. C. A. NOTES

Mr. C. B. Bare, the student Y. M. C. A. secretary will visit the College in a few days. The object of his visit is to secure delegates for the annual Y. M. C. A. convention which will be held at Charlottesville, Oct. 29 to Nov. 1. Some of the speakers of this convention are Dr. Weatherford, the author of "Negro Life in The South," Dr. H. S. Elliot, of New York; President Mitchell, of Richmond Medical College; Dr. C. Alphonso Smith and Governor Mann.

The weekly meetings in the Y. M. C. A. hall are still largely attended. Although Tuesday was a holiday, quite a number came out to hear Dr. Clark, of the Faculty.

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